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Haines

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Miss Gladfelter
FROM Mr. Tribus
RE:

DATE Jan. 5, 1948

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Attached is recent correspondence having to do with the property at Haines, Alaska

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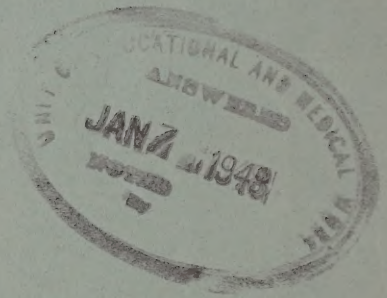

WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION
REGION 37

P. O. Box 2466
Anchorage, Alaska

In reply refer to:
RAL/RPD

Mr. L. H. Tribus
156 Fifth Ave.
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Tribus:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated Dec. 23, 1947, with reference to the Board's interest in re-acquiring property at Haines, Alaska. In reply we wish to advise that it will be necessary for this office to have a copy of the legal description of the land taken by condemnation proceedings and which you wish to re-acquire; and if the Board is interested in purchasing the tanks located on the subject land.

Upon receipt of the above information, we shall be glad to consider and offer any assistance possible.

Very truly yours,

/s/ R. T. Mathews
Acting Chief, Real Property Disposal

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

January 5, 1948

Re: Haines, Alaska

Air Mail

Faulkner & Banfield
Juneau
Alaska

ATTENTION: Mr. H. L. Faulkner

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

Our mutual friend, the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, recently advised me that our Haines property, which was taken from us by government condemnation proceedings, has now been placed under the jurisdiction of Mr. Donald R. Wilson, Regional Director of the War Assets Administration.

You are completely familiar with the description of both properties and I would like to have you enter into negotiations at once with Mr. Wilson and with Mr. R. T. Mathews to whom the matterhas now been referred. The file number, as you will note in Mr. Mathews' letter to me, copy of which is enclosed, is RAL/RPD.

The Board as a charitable institution is entitled to 100% discount. This was pointed out to us by Mr. Craig W. Kershow, in charge of Surplus Property for the Department of Interior, Alaska Division.

Will you kindly arrange at your earliest convenience to get in touch with the local authorities and advise us that steps must be taken to recover this property.

Very truly yours,

Lucien H. Tribus
Legal Counsel

lht/dg
cc Miss Gladfelter
Hon. E. L. Bartlett
enc.

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
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January 5, 1947

Air Mail

Re: Haines, Alaska
RAL/RPD

Mr. R. T. Mathews
Acting Chief, Real Property Disposal
Post Office Box 2466
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Mathews:

I enclose a copy of a letter dated December 10, 1947 from Delegate E. L. Bartlett, Alaskan Representative to the Congress of the United States. You will note from his letter that we are concerned not only with the tank farm of which you certainly have a completh description in your files under File #602 Chilkoot Barracks, Haines Alaska, which contains two acres, but also with the large 25 acre tract. In order that you may be fully advised of the situation, I refer you to our attorneys, Messrs. Faulkner and Banfield of Juneau, Alaska, who represented this Board in the condemnation proceedings.

Both of these tracts are completely described in the Judgment obtained in the District Court for the Territory of Alaska, Division number One at Juneau, under Judgment number 5583-A. This Judgment applies to Tracts A-1 and A-2. The description of Tract A-1 that you refer to as the tank farm is as follows:

"1.665 acres of land, part of U.S. Survey No. 735, known as Presbyterian Mission Reserve, adjoining the town of Haines, Alaska which tract may be more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING AT a point on the East right-of-way line of the local road connecting Chilkoot Barracks and the town of Haines, Alaska, which road traverses the East line of said U.S. Survey No. 735, from which point of beginning the Northeast Corner of U.S. Survey No. 735 (U.S. location Monument No. 573) bears N. 2°, 42', 35", E. 1311.94 ft; THENCE N. 87°, 07', W. 264 ft., to a fence post; THENCE S. 28°, 27', W. 124.08 ft., to a fence post in the N.E. right-of-way line of the Haines Military Cut-off Road; THENCE along the N.E. right-of-way line of the Haines Military Cut-off Road S. 49°, 21', 30", E. 330 ft; THENCE N. 40°, 38', 30", E. 150 ft., to a point in the West right-of-way line of the local road connecting Chilkoot Barracks and the town of

Haines, Alaska; THENCE along the West right-of-way of said local road N. 7°, 19', 30", W. 198.56 ft., to place of beginning and being a part of the land described in the patent designated as Juneau 01315 from the United States of America to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of American dated 16 September 1912 and now of record in Vol. 9, pages 33-34 of the Deed Records at Skagway, Alaska."

The description of tract A-2 in which we are also vitally interested as described in said judgment is as follows:

"25.172 acres of land adjoining the town of Haines, Alaska, part of U.S. Survey No. 735, known as the Presbyterian Mission Reserve, which tract may be more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING AT the N.W. Corner (Corner No. 4) of said U.S. Survey No. 735; THENCE along the N. ling of sid U.S. Survey No. 735, S. 80°, 50', E. 1700 ft. to a point; THENCE S. 9°, 11' W. 230 ft. to a point; THENCE S. 77°, 40', E. 1478 ft. to a point; THENCE S. 12°, 20', W. 340 ft. more or less, to a point in the North Right-of-way line of the Haines Cut-off Military Road; THENCE in a Westerly direction along the North Right-of-way line of the Haines Cut-off Military Road to the West line of said U.S. Survey No. 735; THENCE along the West line of said U.S.Survey No. 735 N. 9°, 11', E 312 ft., more or less, to the place of beginning, and being a part of the land described in the patent designated as Juneau 01315, from the United States of American to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, dated 16 September 1912 and now of record in Vol. 9, pages 33-34, of the Deed Records at Skagway, Alaska."

We would be also interested in purchasing the tanks but presume that we would be entitled to the customary 100% discount afforded to charitable and religious institutions.

Very truly yours,

Lucien H. Tribus
Legal Counsel

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

January 5, 1948

Hon. E. L. Bartlett
Delegate from Alaska
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Re: Haines, Alaska property

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Enclosed please find copies of recent correspondence with the office of Donald R. Wilson.

I am very anxious to have the opportunity of calling on you again at Washington at your earliest convenience. I will appreciate it very much if you will let me know when I can pay you another visit.

The Board greatly appreciates the fine assistance you have given it.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for the new year, I am

Sincerely yours

Lucien H. Tribus
Legal Counsel

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HAINES COMMON COUNCIL

HAINES, ALASKA

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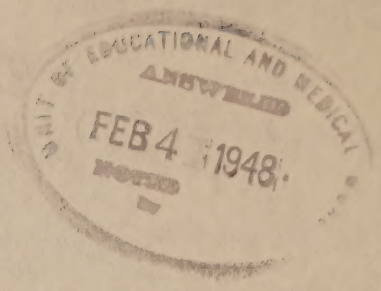

Katherine E. Gladferter
Secretary Board of National Missions
I56 Fifth Avenue
New York IO New York.

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

The Common Council of Haines has directed me to write you in an effort to obtain for the public school land belonging to the Haines House Mission and ajacent to the school grounds. I am sending you under seperate mail a map showing you what is desired and a description of the land.

This is the Councils problem: When the Alaska Native Service closed their school in Haines the children fron that school were absorbed by the public school a very crowded condition was made and new classrooms were needed. To effect this a building was moved near the school to be used for a manuel training shop and the manuel training classroom in the school used for regular classroom. Owing to fire insurance the manuel training building had to be placed at least IOO feet from the main school building which placed it on Mission ground.

The Council desires if possible to have this ground added to the school ground. Also the playground for the children at the school is very restricted and if the land marked on the map as "proposed tract" could be obtained for the school it would mean much to the school playground.

The Council delayed writing to you regarding this matter until they had the ground surveyed and a description made.

Mrs Miller of the Haines House was contacted about this matter and it was her suggestion that the Council take the matter up with you.

Very truly yours,

Clara Carson

Clara Carson, City Clerk

A Tract of Land Propose for Haines Public School

To Wit :-

Beginning at the S.W. Cor. of Third Ave. & Main St. in the Town of Haines Alaska; Said point being S. 9°-05'W 24.33 feet distance from the Monumented Line of Main St. & N. 80°-55'W. 30 feet distance from the Center Line of Third. Ave. of Haines.

Thence S. 9°-05'W. Along the West Margin of Third Ave Produced. a distance of 920 feet more or less to the northerly Right of Way of the Haines Fairbanks Highway

Thence in a Northwesterly direction along the said Right of Way line of the Haines Fairbanks Highway a distance of 370 feet more or less to the intersection of the East Margin of Fourth Ave. Haines Produced S. 9°-05W

Thence along said east margin of Fourth Ave Produced N 9°-05E a distance of 740 feet more or less to the present south margin of Main street

Thence along said south margin of Main Street of Haines S. 80°-52½ E a distance of 315 feet to the point of Beginning

Containing approximately 261,500 Sq.ft.
Minus Present School Tract 46,500
Additional Land 215,000 Sq ft = 4.9 Acres

" " Approximately 5 Acres.

W. Muncaster.
Dec. 10-1947

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Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

Isabel Miller, Executive

UNIT OF EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL ... JAN 22 1948 ...

January 10, 1948

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Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

Miss Clara Carson, the City Clerk, was in our office yesterday to get your address and to let me know about a letter she has been asked to write you regarding the school property in behalf of the city. It may be that Mr. Faulkner, as the city attorney, will write to you, too.

First, in regard to the lost deed for the present school property: they have been having Mr. Muncaster check that survey and with the aid of the city ordinance which you sent and asked me to show to Mr. King, they are now coming to petition for a new deed, as I understand it, for the property which they now hold.

Second, when they moved the shop building from the ANS school over to the Territorial school this fall, it was necessary because of fire insurance to place it a specified number of feet away from the main building, if I understand correctly, and in order to do this, it was necessary to set it on our property. I was not aware of that until sometime later and I think Mr. Jahn was not either since for many years the school has been using that part of our land as playground. It seems that at one time Mr. Swets, who was then mayor, arranged for the town to lease that land from us in order to protect the school and us in case anyone was injured on the school ground. I have found no record of that transaction and only have it from hearsay. But now the town feels they should make some definite settlement regarding this land adjacent to that for which they formerly possessed a deed. I think they hope to receive a deed to it, too. I do not know for how much land they plan to ask, but I have heard that in view of the possibility of ajoining land being sold in the not too distant future, they feel it would be well to obtain enough land for an adequate school grounds now. I am sure that their letter will make that clear.

Miss Carson said that they knew no definite settlement could be made prior to Mr. Tribus' visit in May, but wished to have presented their request before then. At her request, I am writing this introductory letter to you and sending a copy to Mr. Tribus.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

Isabel Miller

Copy for Mr. Tribus

January 19, 1948

My dear Miss Miller:

We have received your ~~bill~~ paid bill statement of December 31 with the bill for $90 for the survey of the south boundary line of the Haines property. We are charging this bill temporarily to your maintenance account but I shall bring it to Miss Gladfelter's attention when she returns from a short field trip and we will let you know later what special arrangements are being made to cover this.

I am not sure whether this covers all of the work Mr. Duncaster was asked to do. Please let us know if there is any further charge to come in for surveying.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Unit
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska
FMG:gk

Copy of Muncaster bill

STATEMENT

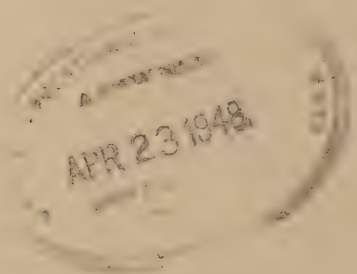
Mr. W. Muncaster
Haines, Alaska

To Presbyterian Mission Dr.
of Haines, Alaska

For Surveying tract A-1 and tract A-2 in U.S. Survey no. 735
Field work from Dec. 17, 1947 to Feb. 28, 1948
7 days @ $30.00 $210.00
Making map plus calculation - a gift
Price quoted
200.00

For surveying Improvements March 2 to March 27
six days @ $30.00 180.00
Making map 7 days at $14.00 - a gift
Other private data 20.00

Total $400.00



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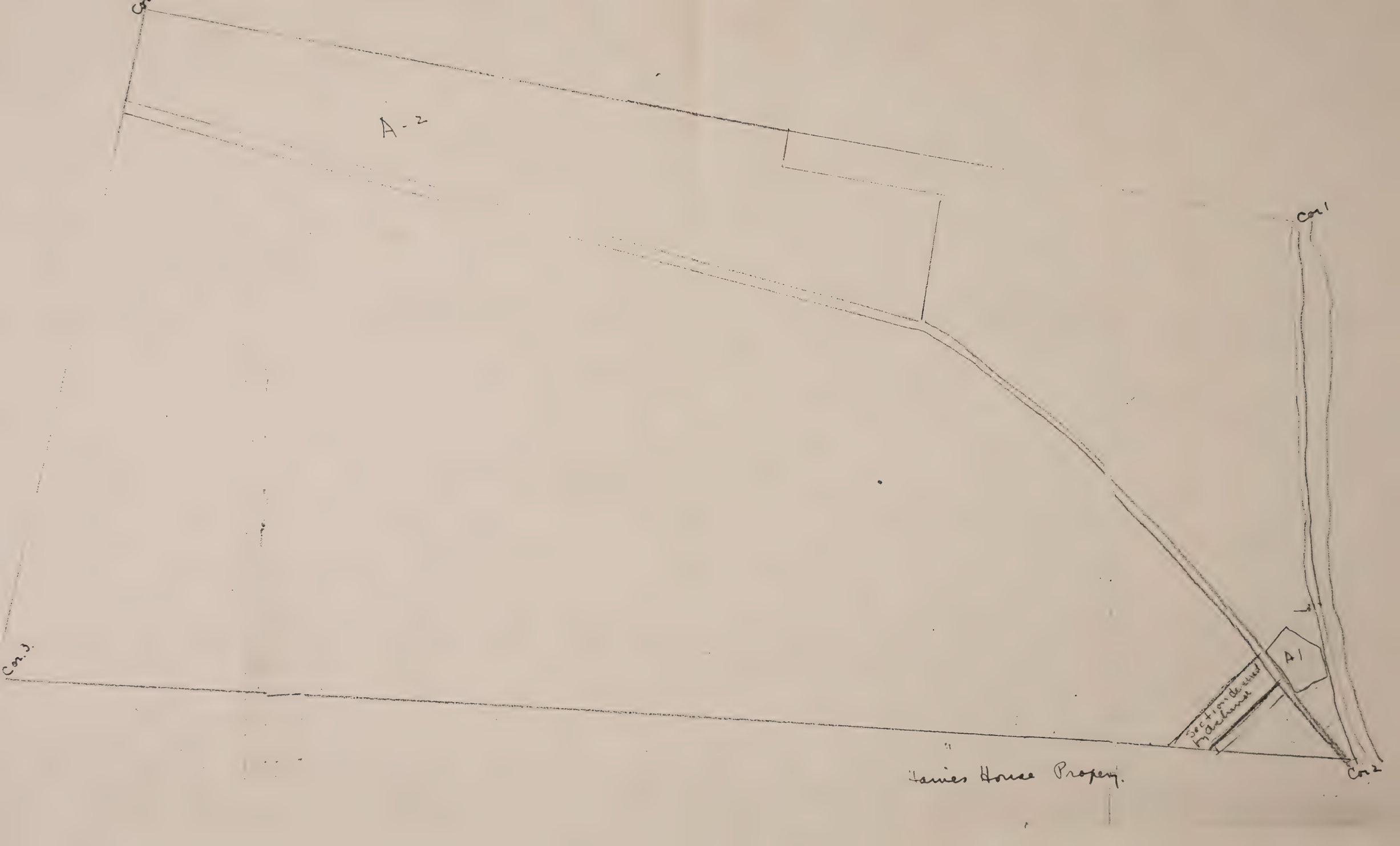
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January 23, 1948

My dear Miss Miller:

In Miss Gladfelter's absence from the office, I am writing to thank you for your letter of January 10 telling us that Miss Carson or Mr. Faulkner will be writing us soon re the lost deed for the present school property, and also about obtaining the land used as a playground. Miss Gladfelter will be glad to receive the propositions in the near future so that they can be given due consideration before Mr. Tribus' visit in May.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary, Unit of
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska

LAW:gk
copy to Mr. Tribus

Copies for Miss Gladfelter and Mr. Tribus

Haines, Alaska
February 2, 1948

Miss Isabel Miller,
Haines House,
Local.

Dear Miss Miller:

This is addressed to you as the locatl representative of the owner of what is locally known as the Mission property.

Mrs. Young and I would like to build our home on any location embrased by the boundary of the above mentioned property. We feel that if and when any of this property is sold minimum building standards will be written into the deeds or leases, adequate and suitable water will be available from the Port Chilkoot system, and that a desirable environment will be developed.

We have heard it rumored that Third Avenue in Haines may be extended across to the Cut-off highway. With this in mind we wish to go on record as wishing to purchase or lease a standard 50' x 140' lot fronting this proposed extension of Third Avenue. We would propose to build a presentable home thereon.

In view of the fact that we want to have our home ready for occupancy by November this year and as an inducement to early action we would propose to furnish the survey at our own expense providing action can be taken before Mr. Muncaster leaves this spring.

We shall be pleased to receive your comment in connection with the above.

Very truly yours,

Signed Forest H. Young Jr.

February 17, 1947

Mr. Forest M. Young Jr.
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Young:

I have made copies of your letter to send to our head office in New York, in registering with them your formal request for a building lot on the Haines House property.

I understand your wish to secure an answer soon, but in view of the many complications connected with our property and its sale, I doubt if any definite steps can be taken, especially concerning lots in the center of the land, before the visit of Mr. Tribus in May, and I doubt if immediate action will follow his visit, for a big organization like our Board with property all over the United States moves slowly. However, I trust that we will be able to crystalize some of our land problems, and make possible an early solution.

We appreciate all the kindnesses done for us by you and Mrs. Young and are glad to serve you in every within our power.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

Copies for Miss Claffelter and Mr. Tribus

Haines House
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Isabel Miller, Executive

February 11, 1948

FEB 19 1948

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

I know you will be interested in the attached clipping and I wish I could give you more details concerning this project. Since we own most all of the beach where such a terminal would likely be built, we shall, I am sure very shortly be approached on the matter. Mr King has been in Juneau for the past months and on one of his trips home, I heard he was going to call to broach the matter; He did not, but I have since heard that there was a closed Council meeting concerning it, and that they were waiting for the Territorial engineers or someone in Juneau to say where it should go more definitely before they made a request. However, you may have heard direct from them.

Since such a project would be of public benefit, I understand that the land could be condemned and taken, but when Mr. King spoke to Mr. Fox about it, he hoped that a fair offer of payment might be made to our Board. However, he went on to say prolonged delay on our part would make things very difficult for everyone. If only the unused beach land is involved and a fair propesition is offered us, I hope the matter can be acted upon and not tabled until Mr. Tribus' visit.

I know this is a pointless and unsatisfactory letter, but with so much talk here, I felt I should not wait longer to mention the subject.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

Isabel Miller

STEEL BARGE TERMINAL IS PLANNED AT HAINES

SEATTLE, Feb. 4.—The Alaska Freight Express Corporation, new common carrier firm operating tug-and-barge service to the Territory, plans construction of new terminal facilities at three Alaska ports, President L. B. DeLong said today.

War Department approval has been obtained on plans for a $1,500,000 installation at Whittier and construction will start in April, he said. A 50-year lease on the site has been negotiated with the Interior Department. Service will be continued to Seward.

At Anchorage, dock construction is also planned, as well as barge-grid and warehouse facilities. Barge Terminal facilities will also be constructed at Haines.

All three waterfront installations will provide for loading and discharging vessels under cover, DeLong said.

Steel freighter barge 730 loaded at Tacoma today and will return here tomorrow for more loading, leaving Friday for Seward.

Feb. 4 1942

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Mr. Tribus
Miss Gladfelter

February 9, 1948

What do you advise relative to the attached letter from Miss Miller about the direction of our property line at Corner 2?

We shall appreciate a prompt reply since this letter is one which came in while I was in Cuba and has already been held several days for my consideration.

Katharine E. Gladfelter

KEG:ebm
Att.

February 9, 1948

VIA AIR MAIL

My dear Miss Carson:

We have just received your letter of January 10 written at the request of the Town Council. Evidently it was more than three weeks en route so we just wanted you to know this in case you have wondered why you have not had an earlier reply.

Since the Committee to which your letter will be referred will want Miss Miller's judgment, we are writing her to send her copies of the materials which you provided. We are also asking her to try to secure some pictures for us so that we can see the present and proposed lay outs.

In the meantime, I will add only that I realize personally that the tract originally conveyed by the Board is small, now that the school enrollment has been increased by the addition of the Haines House children. I hope, therefore, though of course I cannot speak for the Committee or the Board, that the Committee will be in sympathy with the Council's desire to secure more land for the school, especially that on which the shop is located.

I shall write you again as soon as we have heard from Miss Miller and have been able to consult the Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Unit of Educational
and Medical Work

Miss Clara Carson
Haines Common Council
Haines, Alaska
KEG:ebm

February 9, 1948

VIA AIR MAIL

My dear Miss Miller:

I am enclosing copies of letters from and to Miss Clara Carson, the city clerk of Haines, together with copies of the material which she supplied. While we would not want to be quoted, we are certainly sympathetic to making adequate provision for the school since our children attend there and we know the financial situation of the town. On the other hand, the "proposed tract" running over to the Haines Cut-off which the Council has indicated it would like to have, looks like considerably more than "adequate provision".

How does the request strike you? Also, could you secure pictures of the present school property? Pictures would be helpful in determining how much land the school would have if we gave a deed for the land originally granted plus the adjoining land on which the shop has been placed. Would this, in your judgment, give sufficient play space?

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine B. Gladfelter
Secretary, Unit of Educational
and Medical Work

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska
K.G:ebm

P.S. - Is the land beside the school a good location for the shop or could it be placed behind the school and the adjoining land on the road landscaped and made into a playground? Now is the time for an attractive as well as a useful lay out.

Haines House

Haines, Alaska

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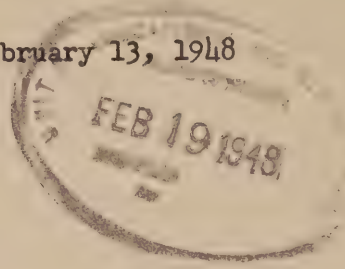
Isabel Miller, Executive

February 13, 1948



Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter,
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

In your letter of December 4th you suggested that we send a copy of the agreement which we made about payment for the piling cut by the Post to Mr. Tribus for approval before we made the final settlement. I wrote that to the Port Chilkoot Terminal manager in a lette but at that time he was in the States. He got back in January, and when we talked about the matter, he said that the way things stand now so that the dockage is paid not direct to them but through the freight agent over here in town, it would be better if we were willing to accept a cash payment. So he has deposited with me a check which reads: "$27.60, payment in full for 2,760 linear feet piling @ .01 l ft." I am holding the check and our receipt to them until I hear from your office if it is all right to accept this payment and to credit it to our Maintenance account.

Our men made a recheck of the stumps and marked each one with paint so cutting additional ones would be easily detected, and with the accurate marking of our boundary line, I think there will be no further difficulty. (And when we go down to the dock on business, we are all glad that it no longer shakes under our feet.)

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

Isabel Miller

FEB 24 1948

Box 2582
Ketchikan, Alaska
Feb. 17, 1948

Katherine Gladfelter
Educational and Medical Div.
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

I am writing in regard to property belonging to the Presbyterian Mission of Haines House located at Haines, Alaska.

My wife and I are desirous of establishing a weekly newspaper in Haines believing it one of the most promising spots in Alaska for future development. Through Rev. Edward Freeman of Ketchikan Presbyterian Church we were made acquainted with Miss Isabel Miller of Haines House and Rev. Kenneth Fox of Haines Presbyterian Church. Both of these parties have been very helpful and are genuinely desirous of seeing us establish our project in their community.

One of the greatest obstacles in our path has been the lack of suitable quarters for our business. While the community has had no actual boom it is experiencing a speculative orgy at the present. Old-timers and others who have obtained control of property are holding out for rentals and prices that are completely out of line with any foreseeable return. This makes for a condition where about the only type of business that can afford such rentals and sale prices are the bars and liquor stores of which Alaska is already over-stocked. This policy serves to exclude such small-scale yet substantial projects as would be compatible with a community of its present size.

The local (Haines) Chamber of Commerce realizes this is a serious drawback to development but has been unable to do anything about it. While in Haines, the mayor, Leonard King, told me that the Chamber had offered the Mission Board $500 for a lot facing on Main Street. It was thought if the Mission Board could be induced to sell some of this highly desirable property for a fair price it would force other property into line. This land is now used as pasture land by Haines House.

Both Miss Miller and Rev. Fox seemed to think that there was some possibility that the Mission Board would dispose of this property. Therefore I wish also to submit a similar bid of $500 for a lot identical with the one asked by the Haines Chamber of Commerce, to wit;: that it be faced on Main St. and no further than 500 feet north of the site of Haines Presbyterian Church; width of lot to be not lessthan 50 feet: depth to be agreed on. This, of

course, is not a legal description, but should serve as th basis of a bid. The particulars can be worked out if this offer is acceptable.

Let me know your attitude in regard to this offer. Will it be suitable for presentation to the Mission Board in its present form or will it be necessary to make a more formal and exact bid?

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Robert C. Coleman

FREIGHT
PASSENGERS
REFRIGERATION

ALASKA
TRANSPORTATION CO.

OFFICE PIER 58 · MAIN 7477
SEATTLE 1, WASHINGTON

February 17, 1948

FEB 19 1948

Miss Edna R. Voss, Secretary
Unit of Educational and Medical Work
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

My dear Miss Voss:

You will recall that in the Spring of 1944 the writer discussed with you the acquisition by purchase of certain water-front properties included in the Haines Mission Reserve at Haines, Alaska. Upon your reporting to the Board at New York it decided that because of a general uncertainty of the development of the Haines project no action at that time appeared desirable.

We are still interested in Haines as a port of entry into the interior of Alaska and still maintain regular service to that port. Our present service will be extended this spring to include regularly scheduled passenger service with a newly acquired vessel which will also call at Haines on regular schedule.

The purpose of this letter is to reaffirm our interest in Haines and to call your attention to an item which appeared in the editorial column of the Ketchikan Alaska Chronicle of February 12 as follows:

> "We are told on reliable authority that the Army is condemning 100 acres or so of the Methodist (obviously incorrect) Mission at Haines for a new dock and terminal establishment, after surplusing the entire Chilkoot Barracks establishment and letting it go for a song to a veterans co-operative."

The Presbyterian Church being the owners of the property referred to would naturally be expected to know something of the

reported plans of the Army.

We would appreciate your advising us whether or not there is any substance in this report.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

ALASKA TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

By:

S. J. Swanson, Vice President
and General Manager

SJS/o
Air Mail

February 20, 1948

My dear Mr. Swanson:

Miss Voss resigned from the Board of National Missions as of January 1, 1948 so I am answering your letter to her of February 17.

I must confess that we are startled, to put it mildly, by the clipping from the Ketchikan Chronicle which you quoted, to the effect that the Army is condemning 100 acres of mission property at Haines for a new dock and terminal establishment. We have heard nothing of such a move but are very glad that you inquired about the report so that Mr. Tribus, the lawyer on our Treasury staff who handles the Board's property matters, can investigate.

We have a record in this office of the interest of the Alaska Transportation Company in Haines as Miss Voss reported fully on her talk with you in 1944. If we can run down the report about which you have now inquired I shall be glad to write you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Unit of Educational
and Medical Work

Mr. S. J. Swanson
Alaska Transportation Company
Office Pier 58
Seattle 1, Washington
KEG:ebm

Mr. Tribus
Miss Gladfelter

February 20, 1948

I am hastening to send you copies of letters just received from Mr. Swanson of the Alaska Transportation Company and from Miss Miller.

I am greatly concerned by these rumors of Army interest and of possible condemnation and suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Bartlett at once to see what he knows or can find out.

Katharine E. Gladfelter

KEG:ebm
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February 20, 1948

VIA AIR MAIL

My dear Miss Miller:

Your letter of February 11 relative to the rumors about the proposed steel barge terminal for Haines arrived in the same mail with a letter from Mr. Swanson of the Alaska Transportation Company. He quoted the following news item from the Ketchikan Chronicle of February 12 and asked whether we had heard anything of the Army's reported plans.

> "We are told on reliable authority that the Army is condemning 100 acres or so of the Methodist (obviously incorrect) Mission at Haines for a new dock and terminal establishment, after surplusing the entire Chilkoot Barracks establishment and letting it go for a song to a veterans co-operative."

Since both letters are more or less of a bomb shell we are asking Mr. Tribus to contact Mr. Bartlett at once to see what he knows or can find out.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Unit of Educational
and Medical Work

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska
KEG:ebm

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CHILKAT TRADING COMPANY, INC.

Haines, Alaska

February 23, 1948

Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church of the U. S. of America,
Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Att'n. Miss Gladfelter and/or
Mr. Tribus

Greetings:

Enclosed please find sketch indicating a parcel of land which we would purchase.

We are buying from the Port Chilkoot Co., a subsidiary of the Veterans Alaska Cooperative Company, an area of about 18 acres lying as indicated on the sketch.

It is our plan to begin building tourist cabins on this area as soon as title is clear. We hope to have six ready for occupancy by June first. We want very much to provide modern sanitary facilities for these cabins. Cesspools and septic tanks are unsatisfactory in this area due to the underlying strata of impervious clay. A sewer system is indicated.

The terrain is such that it is not practicable to run a sewer main entirely within the limits of our proposed tourist cabin site. By routing the main as indicated on the enclosed sketch, however, a good grade is possible without excessive excavation.

For your information we are paying the Port Chilkoot Co. from $83 to $94 per acre for the 16 to 18 acres parcel we are purchasing from them.

In the event you do not propose to sell we would like either to lease for a long period or to obtain an easement for the sewer line.

We shall appreciate your early consideration and response.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Forest H. Young, Jr.
Forest H. Young, Jr.,
Sec.-Treas.

Copies to
Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House, Local

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CHILKAT TRADING COMPANY, INC.

Haines, Alaska

February 23, 1948

Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church of the U. S. of America,
Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Att'n. Miss Gladfelter and/or
Mr. Tribus

Greetings:

We are enclosing the plan for the extension of Third Avenue of this town with the hope that you will give it some thot before Mr. Tribus visits our community.

We believe this plan fits into any scheme for the rational development of this area.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Forest H. Young, Jr.
Forest H. Young Jr.,
Sec.-Treas.

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PROPOSED EXTENSION

of

THIRD AVENUE TO CANNERY ROAD AT WESTERLY CORNER OF

PORT CHILKOOT

The extension of Third Avenue across the Mission property to the Cut-off Highway is currently possible as the Presbyterian Board of Missions has committed itself to granting a right of way for that purpose. The way is now open to execute a survey and begin construction.

This Third Avenue extension will eliminate the necessity for using the Beach road and, of course, the Sheldon hill which is a menace to life and property especially during the winter months. It will also shorten the distance between the dock and the post office and school.

If the area covered in the Third Avenue extension is not within the corporate limits of the City of Haines it is possible for the Territorial Highway Department to provide the funds for the construction work involved.

It is possible, if the proper steps are taken, to extend Third Avenue from the Cut-off Highway south across the Mission property, across Port Chilkoot property, and connect to the Cannery Road at the westerly corner of the "Post" proper. This would provide a good easy grade, a surface which would be easy to maintain, a thorofare which would be maintained at territorial expense, and a direct route from the U. S. post office and school to the Cannery and the lower peninsula. It would at the same time open up an area for development within the Port Chilkoot property and the Mission property as well.

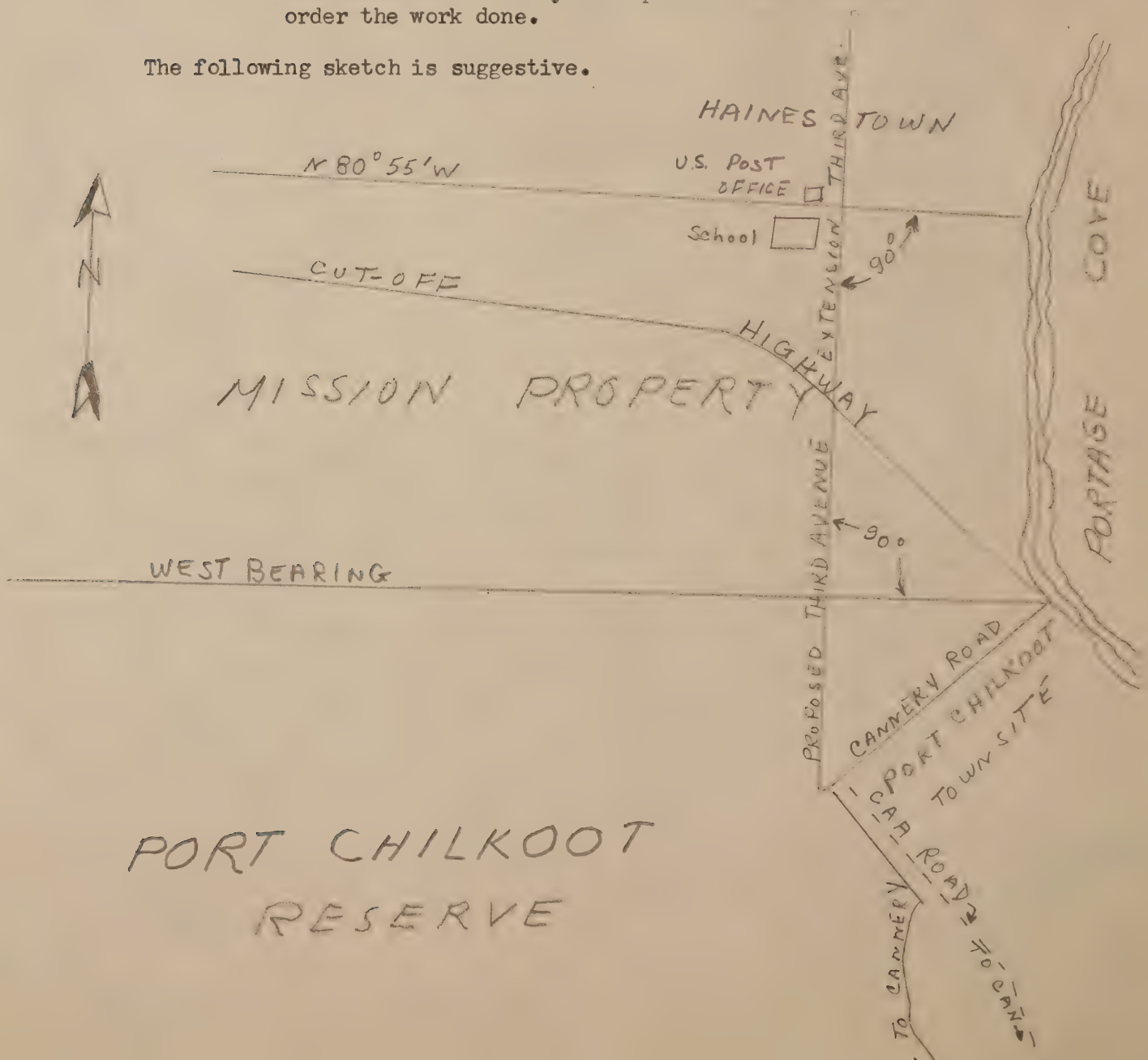
It this proposed Third Avenue extension can be arranged so that it connects into the Cannery Road on the Port Chilkoot property - then it would be but a minor undertaking to have the CAA road cut thru above or below the "Post" water tank and connect into the Cannery Road-Third Avenue extension. Thus the traffic would be eliminated from the alley back of the homes now known as "Officers Row". Under existing conditions this traffic constitutes a serious hazard to life and property and has a depreciatory effect on property values in that area.

IN AN EFFORT TO ACCOMPLISH THE ABOVE IT WOULD SEEM that the following steps should be taken:

1. Obtain the necessary dedications:
   A. Obtain a committment from the Presbyterian Board of Missions covering a dedication between the Cut-off highway south to the Port Chilkoot property.
   B. Obtain a committment from Port Chilkoot Co. covering a dedication from their Northerly property line to a point on the Cannery Road and from a point on the Cannery Road to a proper connection with the CAA road.

2. Obtain a committment from the Territorial Engineer's office to the effect that if the necessary dedications are made the Territory will provide the funds and order the work done.

The following sketch is suggestive.



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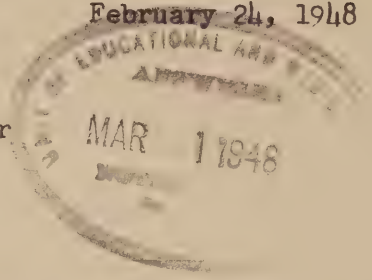
Isabel Miller, Executive

February 24, 1948



Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

I am sorry that my answer with pictures of the school property and the plot they desire will have to be delayed a week longer, since I plan to leave today for a week's vacation in Skagway and Whitehorse. I took the pictures but misplaced my camera and only found it last night so the pictures are still to be developed. I shall take care of it immediately upon my return and also talk some with the school board and city council members as to why they asked for the plot extending to the highway and what plans they have for the use of it.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

Isabel Miller

February 2, 1943

My dear Mr. Young:

As Miss Miller promised, she forwarded to me a copy of your letter to her of February 2, together with a copy of her reply. We are sorry to disappoint you but as Miss Miller explained, the Board is not in a position at the present time to dispose of any of the mission lands, especially a lot in the center of the property.

We are now expecting the Board's legal representative, Mr. Tribus, to visit Alaska in May, and hope that when he returns we will be able to work out a long range plan on the basis of his report. In the meantime, we are noting your interest for future reference.

Very sincerely yours,

Katherine M. Hoffsetter,
Secretary, Bureau of Educational
and Medical Work

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Mr. Everett R. Young, Jr.
Haines
Alaska

cc. Miss Miller
Haines House, Haines
Mr. L. H. Tribus

cc: Miss Miller

February 25, 1948
(Dict. 2/24/48)

VIA AIR MAIL

My dear Mr. Coleman:

We have received your letter of February 17 expressing your interest in purchasing a section of our Haines House property facing on Main Street. I am not stopping to look up correspondence of last fall but remember that Miss Miller wrote at that time that someone who was interested in establishing a newspaper in Haines had visited there. I know that she was interested in the project so am taking for granted that you and Mrs. Coleman are the prospective settlers she wrote about.

At present we expect a representative of the Board's Treasury staff to visit Alaska this Spring. He is to look into our property situation at Haines and we are hoping that on his return some long range plans can be made. Until then we can only hold such inquiries as yours as the Board is unwilling to make any individual decisions until major basic ones have been arrived at.

I will add only that we too are keenly interested in the development of Haines and will do our best to secure favorable consideration of such bids as yours if and when the way opens up.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Unit of Educational
and Medical Work

Mr. Robert C. Coleman
Box 2582
Ketchikan, Alaska
KEG:ebm

Copy to Mr. Tribus

February 26, 1948

VIA AIR MAIL

My dear Miss Miller:

Since it will be simpler to accept a cash payment of $27.60 from Port Chilkoot for the piling cut on our land rather than a wharfage credit, we approve your accepting the check for this amount.

We are glad that the stumps have been checked and marked and that with the accurate marking of the boundry you think there will be no further difficulty.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Unit of Educational
and Medical Work

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska
KEG:ebm

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

March 2, 1948

Re: Haines, Alaska

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska

Dear Miss Miller:

Due to the serious nature of the correspondence we have received from you in the recent past, Miss Gladfelter, Dr. Jackman and Mr. Tribus have conferred and decided that it is most important, at this time, for the Board to obtain a new survey of its land at Haines, Alaska. The survey should be made to indicate all the facts which exist at the present time due to our possession, and should also indicate the two tracts of land which were condemned by the United States in 1947, the Eric Oslund Lease, all roads and highways, the location of buildings and fences. It should also indicate that portion which has been previously conveyed by the Board to the City of Haines, the location of the school buildings, and the new building which I understand is used as a workshop. The surveyor should also indicate matters which affect our title, such as adverse possession, adverse use or use with or without license, if the same are apparent upon inspection of the premises.

It would also be wise to have the surveyor prepare an overlay indicating the position of the proposed extension of Third Avenue to which, I understand, the Board has made some commitment.

Before the Board actually orders such survey and overlay, it is desired that you procure an estimate of the cost for such work and inform us of your findings. I trust that Mr. Muncaster will be available for this work. Please send us the estimate as soon as possible and we will inform you whether or not we shall order the survey to be made.

Sincerely,

John M. Steinmuller

John M. Steinmuller
Legal Division

JMS:mmn
cc Miss Gladfelter
Dr. Jackman

Copy to Miss Miller

March 4, 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO MR. TRIBUS
FROM Miss Gladfelter

I am returning herewith Mr. Young's letter of February 23 relative to his desire to buy or lease part of the mission property or obtain an easement for a sewer line. As I have compared the accompanying sketch with the other sketch showing the lay out if the Board approves a further extension of Third Avenue, it is evident that the property Mr. Young has his eye on would be formed by the western boundary of our land, the Haines Cut-off and the extension of Third Avenue. This would be a very valuable triangle and I certainly would not be ready to sell or lease it at the present time. Neither would I be willing to approve an easement through this triangle as this might easily handicap us in using or disposing of the property. I see nothing to do, therefore, but to tell Mr. Young that until decisions are reached regarding the handling of our property as a whole we are not prepared to make any decisions about any part of it.

Katharine E. Gladfelter

KEG:ebm

March 4, 1948

VIA AIR MAIL

My dear Miss Miller:

It looks as though Mr. Young sent you a copy of his letter relative to the extension of Third Avenue so we hope that the enclosed copy of our memo to Mr. Tribus will be clear. What do you and Mr. Fox think of this new proposal?

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Unit of Educational
and Medical Work

Miss Isable Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska
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Copy to Miss Miller

March 4, 1948

MEMORANDUM

TO MR. TRIBUS
FROM Miss Gladfelter

We have studied carefully Mr. Young's letter of February 23 relative to the plan for the extension of Third Avenue and are now returning it. On comparing the letter and sketch we find that the proposal goes considerably beyond the Board's action of June 12, 1947. The action was "that the Board approve the request for a right of way across the Board's property for the extension of Third Avenue from the Haines Cut-off Road to Main Street and that the proper officers of the Board be authorized to sign the necessary papers as soon as the Town Council has funds in hand and is prepared to carry out this project." The sketch proposes that the Board grant a right of way double the length of that originally approved and would carry Third Avenue to the western limits of our property. If we were convinced this was wise further Board action would, therefore, be required.

I am sending a copy of this memo to Miss Miller with the request that she and Mr. Fox let us have their joint thinking on this new proposal. In the meantime, since Mr. Young's letter indicates that the Town does not expect an immediate answer I suggest that you simply acknowledge the letter, call attention to the fact that the plan calls for a longer right of way than that approved by the Board and promise that this additional asking will be considered against the background of the total plans for the mission property.

Katharine B. Gladfelter

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P.S. - We have copied Mr. Young's letter and the accompanying sketch for our files.

K.B.G.

COPY FOR MISS GLADFELTER

March 8, 1948

Haines, Alaska

Mr. Forest H. Young, Jr.,
Chilkat Trading Company, Inc.
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Young:

I appreciate your advising me of the plan covering the proposed extension of Third Avenue to Cannery Road at the westerly corner of Port Chilkoot. The sketch, as shown, proposes that the Board grant a righty-of-way double the length of that originally approved. If acceptance of your request seems wise, further Board action will therefore be required. Your request, therefore, will be considered against the background of the total plans for the Mission property. We are not in any position to take any definite action at the present time.

Very truly yours,

L. H. T.

Lucien H. Tribus
Legal Counsel

LHT/AWM

cc Miss Kathartine E. Gladfelter

Haines House
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Isabel Miller, Executive

March 8, 1948

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Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

I asked Mr. Fox what he thinks about Mr. Young's proposal for an extension of 3rd Avenue, and I think he agrees with me, that the request for a right of way should come from more than one concern if it really is of public value, and therefore, while we can see values of such a right of way to the families living over there, we feel the Board should not consider granting it unless they are urged by others. I have had a request previously from Mr. Heinmiller, and suggested that he write to you, which he may do.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

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March 9, 1948

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Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

I was already answering Mr. Steinmuller's letter which came yesterday, when yours of the 4th came this morning. When I took his requesting additional information to be put on the survey map up to Mr. Muncaster last night, I found that he has his map nearly complete and that except for the locating of 3rd Avenue and the Native Leases, it includes most everything Mr. Steinmuller suggested. Since this is the map he plans to present for the $200 quoted in my other letter ($250 with the steel posts), I did not ask for a further estimate, since I think he will probably just include these other items. He is very sympathic with our work here, and has said several times that he does not want to charge us a big fee, so unless you instruct me differently, I shall let the matter ride until he is finished which will be very soon, I think.

Very sincerely yours,

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Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
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New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

I have nothing still specific to report regarding the proposed barge terminal and our land, except to say I went to see Mr. King and he said he would know nothing until Mr. Metcalf, the Territorial Highway engineer came to Haines which he plans to do very shortly. I also hear that the Post has a proposition on foot for a similar structure, but Mr. Heinmiller assured Mr. Fox that it did not affect our land. I expected to ask Mr. Heinmiller directly about it yesterday, but Colonel Bragg (and I must apologise, for he is a real colonel) arrived in town yesterday or Sunday, and since he represents still another faction over at the Post, things were too stirred up for me to ask more than my necessary questions.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

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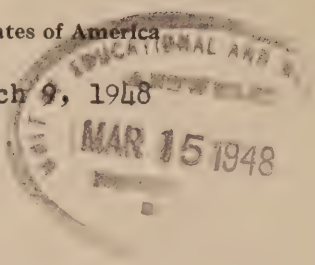

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

Attached are some notes which Mr. Fox gave me at my request and which I would like you to see without waiting for my next monthly report. This new club promises to be something quite different and worthwhile and the sort of thing which we should encourage if we can. You will note that they, too, are interested in our land as a location, because of its position near the center of the three communities (Post, CAA, and town). However, the Women's Club may offer them part of their property behind the library, and if that is worked out, we shall not be approached.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

Isabel Miller

I have been working on the organization of a men's club and I am now able to report progress. Tuesday, March 2, 15 men gathered in the Recreation Hall of Haines House and organized the Salmon Club. There had been two meetings in February of smaller groups to lay the ground word for the organization. The club will meet again in two weeks. One of their expressed desires is for a club house where they can enjoy good fellowship without hanging over a bar. Now the bar is the only place in the town a man can go to meet a friend. I have felt this social need for some time but I am glad the need was expressed by others without prompting from me. The church shows poor grace in criticising the social habits of others if we have nothing constructive to offer. The Club is seriously considering building a nice log-cabin type of club house. This is where we come in. I am commissioned to write to you to find out the possibility of securing a spot on mission ground near where the proposed street extension joins the Haines Cutoff on the opposite side of the road from the town. They want actual possession of the land. They don't want a lease because the hope to build a good structure and they are afraid a lease might be terminated. (Alton Nelson's idea.) I would suggest that if the way be clear that title be given with the provision that no drinks be served and no gambling devices used. Manvil Olson was chosen president of the group. He is a member of the Ver's Co-op and our newly elected elder. If this meets with the Board's approval, I would suggest that action be taken immediately. May will be too late because the men are going in 97 different directions this summer and they want to get started on building the club house immediately. This is the first constructive effort to improve social conditions in this community in which the church has found a response. I hope the Board backs it up with immediate action. I am making a copy of this part of my monthly report for Miss Miller so that she may submit it to her office.

Mr. Steinmuller
Miss Gladfelter

March 15, 1918

The following letter has just been received from Miss Miller relative to the survey about which you wrote her recently:

"I was already answering Mr. Steinmuller's letter which came yesterday, when yours of the 4th came this morning. When I took his requesting additional information to be put on the survey map up to Mr. Muncaster last night, I found that he has his map nearly complete and that except for the locating of 3rd Avenue and the Native Leases, it includes most everything Mr. Steinmuller suggested. Since this is the map he plans to present for the $200 quoted in my other letter ($250 with the steel posts), I did not ask for a further estimate since I think he will probably just include these other items. He is very sympathetic with our work here, and has said several times that he does not want to charge us a big fee, so unless you instruct me differently, I shall let the matter ride until he is finished which will be very soon, I think."

The work which Mr. Muncaster is doing will evidently cover our needs.

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Katharine E. Gladfelter

March 15, 1948

My dear Miss Miller:

Miss Gladfelter has asked me, in Miss Goddard's absence from the office due to illness, to acknowledge your letter of March 4th about the farm land at 18 Mile which we have been renting.

We are sharing this letter with the Property Department and will count on you to write us just as soon as you have found out anything further.

Very sincerely yours,

Lillian A. Wineham
Assistant Secretary, Unit of
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska

LAW:ah

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Isabel Miller, Executive

MAR 15 1948

March 4, 1948

Miss Florence M. Goddard
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Goddard:

The man who owned the property we rented last year at 18Mile died in early November, but we were not notified until much later than that. His property reverted to the Territory since they had cared for him at the Home. It will go up for sale shortly, and if we can contact the new owner before planting time, we still have some hope of again being able to rent it. Mr. Nowell is keeping in close touch with the proceedings and if we are able to make any arrangement with the new owner, we shall write to you before doing anything definite.

I am sorry that we did not let you know sooner the state of affairs, but we were hopeful we would have something more definite to report.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

Isabel Miller

Mr. Tribus
Miss Windham

March 15, 1948

Miss Gladfelter has asked me, in Miss Goddard's absence from the office due to illness, to send you the following information just received from Miss Miller relative to the farm land at 18 Mile, rented for use by Haines House:

"The man who owned the property we rented last year at 18 Mile died in early November, but we were not notified until much later than that. His property reverted to the Territory since they had cared for him at the Home. It will go up for sale shortly, and if we can contact the new owner before planting time, we still have some hope of again being able to rent it. Mr. Nowell is keeping in close touch with the proceedings and if we are able to make any arrangement with the new owner, we shall write to you before doing anything definite."

Lillian A. Windham

LAW:ah

February 18, 1948

My dear Miss Miller:

On November 24 we asked you to send us a letter from the Superintendent of the Pioneers Home similar to the one which you supplied a year ago giving the authorization of the owner for the rental to Haines House of the 18 Mile farm land. To date this has not been received and the Property Department has reminded us that the previous agreement expires February 26 and we should, therefore, have a new agreement as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Unit
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska
FMG:lhc

March 18, 1948
Dict. 3/17/48

My dear Miss Miller:

Thank you very much for that fine collection of pictures you secured for us to make clear just what is involved in the request of the City Council for the deeding of an additional tract of land. Two or three questions have puzzled us as we have studied the pictures in relation to the map.

1. Why was the Manual Training Shop placed so far over on our land? As we recall, some earlier correspondence mentioned fire regulations, but the building seems so much farther away than regulations normally require.

2. What is the length and width in feet of the present school tract which the Board conveyed to the City some years ago?

3. Even if the Board granted only the section outlined in the red dotted line on the map, why is so much additional land needed? In keeping with other maps here, this additional plot would give the City a full city block. Do you know what their thinking is about the use of this space?

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Unit of Educational
and Medical Work

KEG:jw

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March 9, 1948

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

In answer to your letter of February 9th, and enclosing a sheet of hastily mounted pictures and also the drawing which you sent to which I have added in red, numbers to indicate where I stood to take the pictures. I also tried to take a picture of the entire tract from our fire escape. Of course it does not include the the foreground of the picture, but only that directly back of the school building.

While several think that it would be a fine thing for the town to own and develop the larger tract as park and playground and possible new building sites away from the traffic of the main street, the ones with whom I talked felt that their real present need would be met by the addition of the part I have outlined in red dashes. That is my feeling in the matter, too, and I think Mr. Fox agrees, and I am hopeful that a favorable settlement can be made with the City by our Board.

Please let me know if there is any further help which I can give, or any lines which you would like to have Mr. Muncaster establish. I am sure that he prepared the enclosed drawing which the City asked him to make, and probably already has any required figures.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

Isabel Miller

1- why should not mean school ?.
2- length 9 width present plot in feet ?.
3- why so much land needed ?.

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ORIGINAL MONUMENT
BLOCK
NO. 3
HAINES SCHOOL TRACT
ACQUIRED BY ORDINANCE N332
48500 SQ.FT.
N30°52'10"E 155.0
S.30°07'W. 300.0
FOURTH AVE.
THIRD AVE.
PROPOSE TRACT
HAINES HIGHWAY
120 FT
N 45° 17' W
TO DOCK
MAP OF HAINES SCHOOL TRACT

The Entire Proposed Tract

1 School & Shop buildings from Main Street ↑ → 2

Rear Views

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Miss Cladfelter

March 17, 1948

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EXTRA COPY

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KEG:ah

March 18, 1948
Dict. 3/17/48

My dear Miss Miller:

Thank you very much for sending us the copy of Mr. Fox's notes relative to the new club for men. This seems a splendid development, and we are all hoping that the group will hold together and carry out their plan for building a permanent center.

At the moment I do not see how we can move as quickly as Mr. Fox suggests. There are now so many requests before the Board which involve the Haines property that I do not believe that we could make an exception and act on one request without creating ill feeling on the part of the others who have been told that no decisions could be made until we had looked at the problem as a whole. If the group is in earnest a slightly longer delay should not matter too much, especially so if the men can use the Recreation Hall of Haines House in the mean time. We do hope that you can explain to Mr. Fox so that he will understand the total situation and realize that our hesitancy is not due to any lack of interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Unit of Educational
and Medical Work

KEG:jw

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska

Mr. Steinmillers
Miss Gladfelter

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Mr. Lucien Tribus
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Tribus:

I am enclosing two letters for your files which I think are self explanatory. Please share them with Miss Gladfelter if you think she should be be brought up to date on this annoying bit of business.

I am sorry that I am such a poor typist and with Miss Fisher on vacation there is no one to make good copies.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

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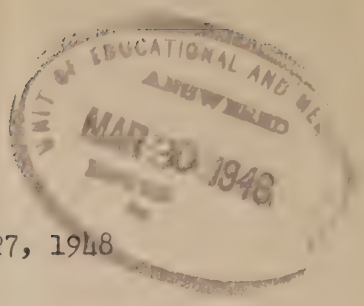

March 27, 1948

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

I am sending under separate cover this afternoon five copies of the map which Mr. Muncaster has made of our land. We shall send the original a little later after he has completed the other drawing which will show all the buildings, fenses, etc. asked for in Mr. Steinmuller's letter. The scale on this first one is 1 inch to 400 ft, while the one which he is finishing will be 1 inch to 100 ft. We are keeping four copies of this map here, and Mr. Muncaster has one, making a total of 10 in all. Please give one of the copies I am sending to Mr. Tribus' office, since we do not have another mailing tube handy.

You will see from ~~this~~ Mr. Muncaster's map that the answer to your question as to the size of the present school plot is length 300 ft. and width 155 ft. Mr. Muncaster took these figures from Ordinance 132, which describes the property deeded to the city.

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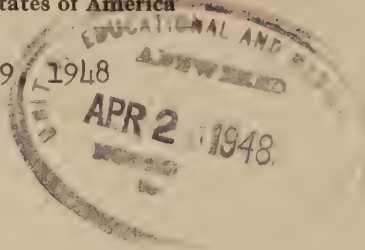

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

I checked at the City Hall with Miss Clara Carson on Saturday regarding fire regulations and the placement of the shop building at the school, and I find that it is as she stated in her first letter to you of February 9th. That is, the shop was placed 100 feet from the building where the other classes are held, which is the legal distance.

I suggested that the Council write to you regarding their need for more space for playground and building, and she said she would call it to their attention, but, as I stated in the letter of the 27th, there will be no Council meeting until after the 6th when the new members are elected. In the meantime, I shall speak to the school board since I think that while they cannot handle the transfer of property, they are the ones most directly interested in the matter.

I, personally, see why they need more land since if Third Avenue does go through, all the playground equipment is too near the street and will have to be moved. The building is crowded and an addition to the building should be built as soon as possible, and that, too will subtract from the present playground space.

The enlarged drawing which Mr. Muncaster is making that shows all the buildings and their sizes will be helpful to you in this matter, I think. Please let me know if I can be of any further help in the matter.

Very sincerely yours,
Isabel Miller Isabel Miller

Prop
Haines

Mr. Tribus
Miss Gladfelter

April 12, 1948

Attached is a copy of the survey of the Haines House property which Mr. Muncaster has just made. In sending this Miss Miller has explained that Mr. Muncaster is working on another drawing which will be made to a scale of one inch to 100 feet and will show the location of buildings and fences as requested in Mr. Steinmuller's letter of March 2. This will be sent us as soon as it is ready.

Katharine E. Gladfelter

KEG:ebm
Att.

April 12, 1948

VIA AIR MAIL

My dear Miss Miller:

The five copies of Mr. Muncaster's map have arrived safely and we are sending one at once to Mr. Tribus with your explanation about the other drawing which Mr. Muncaster is making to show the buildings, fences, etc. asked for in Mr. Steinmuller's letter.

We are very glad to have this new survey as it will prove invaluable in helping to settle our many property questions in Haines.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Unit of Educational
and Medical Work

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KEG:ebm

HAINES SCHOOL BOARD

HAINES, ALASKA

April 14, 1948

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter, Secretary
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Gladfelter,

Miss Isobel Miller, of Haines House, attended the last regular meeting of the Haines School Board to discuss with us the possibility of the National Board of Missions opening some of their land. As President of the Haines School Board, I am writing to explain why the School Board and the Town of Haines have asked for more land.

The present building of 7550 square feet and its playground practically utilize the whole of the 300 by 155 foot lot. When a small building for Manual Training classes was obtained last fall from the Indian Service, it had to be placed on Mission ground. There was no place on the school lot where it could be located with the 100 foot separation between the two buildings which is necessary for insurance regulations.

The enrollment of the Haines Public School was almost doubled last fall when the Government School was closed. Our building is already crowded. The population of Haines and the Chilkat Valley is steadily increasing, bringing a still greater school attendance. It is quite evident to the people of Haines that more accomodations will be needed for school purposes. The size of our present school lot will not warrant this.

As you no doubt already know, the right of way for Third Avenue has been granted to the Town of Haines by the Presbyterian Board of National Missions. At present, the school playground is located on this right of way. Opening this street would necessitate moving the playground, but there is no room for it in any other place on the school lot.

A final reason the School Board is asking for a larger grant is this: -- In the event the land adjacent to the present school lot is sold, there is always the question of what type of business enterprise will locate there. If a garage or warehouse or any other business of this type were to be placed close to the school there would be an additional worry because of a traffic hazard not to mention the noise such a business would bring.

Because of the foregoing the Haines School Board feels justified in their request for the land owned by the Presbyterian Board of National Missions in the proposed tract between Third and Fourth Avenue. This is shown plainly on the accompanying survey map.

Very truly yours,

Fred B. Sheldon

Fred B. Sheldon, President
Haines School Board

I find that the City of Haines has already forwarded to you a survey map.

Mr. Nelson
4/17/48

Prof
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cc: - Gorik. Tenk farm

See - Prof
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6/25/48

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April 19,1948

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

On Saturday, I mailed you both of the original drawings of the new surveys together with several copies of the large map, by registered, air mail. Now I was all set to send in Mr. Muncaster's bill together with a letter of explanation, but to my dismay, I find I have used the last UNPAID BILL blank so will only be able to send a copy of the bill and the letter, and an urgent request for a few of the blanks before our regular years supply is due.

You will note that the bill is double the original estimate sent in before the request came for extra data. At first we thought that could be added to the first map, but when we realized the amount of detail called for, a whole new drawing was necessary with many measurements. Despite this increase in price, I think you will understand that Mr. Muncaster has made us the gift of many hours of skilled labor, and I know you will be as grateful to him as we are here. It is a great relief and satisfaction to know exactly where we are located, and we have already had several occasions to use these maps. The weather since Christmas has been very bad at times so that Mr. Muncaster had to do some of his work over several times, and as a result the wages of his helper will take at least half of what he charged us.

The steel posts from Corner 2 to Corner 3 are still to be driven if the snow ever melts, and that will call for the additional $50.00 which he gave as an estimate in February. But that plus the $90.00 for establishing that line last fall added to this $400.00 still makes the total cost below the estimate given by the Juneau firm just for the Oslund corner, for which they asked $600.00.

I learned yesterday, as you probably already know, that the Tank Farm has been withdrawn from Surplus Property and taken back by the Army. Do you know if that is also true of the Warehouse Area? In view of this definite action, and the new survey, I hope that a more satisfactory arrangement can now be made with Mr. Nelson and Mr. Oslund and the land they are leasing.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

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P.S. I hadn't the heart to tell Mr. Muncaster that he had misspelled "brick" after he had been so painfully accurate in every other detail. I didn't notice it until the copies were made.

I. M.